

REMARKS

This Response is being filed within three months of the Office Action outstanding, dated July 13, 2006. No new claims have been added. Accordingly, no additional claim fee is required.

By this Response claims 7, 9 and 15 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 5, 11-14 and 18-20 have been canceled. Claims 7, 9, 15 and 21 are in independent form.

By this Response Applicant has amended the objected-to claims such that the claims do not depend from a rejected claim. By this Response Applicant has canceled the rejected claims. Accordingly, Applicant believes all claims currently in the application are in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests the same.

Conclusion

All pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner should have any questions regarding this Amendment, a call to Applicant's counsel, Ms. Ingrid M. McTaggart at (503) 230-7934, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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